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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WRIGHT:

Subject: H.R. 5911

Attention is called to a bill (H.R. 5911) to establish an office of Naval Research. This bill serves to provide within the Navy Department a single office to obtain, coordinate and make available to the Navy scientific information, as well as for conducting specialized and imaginative scientific research for the maintenance of future naval power and the preservation of national security. A naval research advisory committee of preeminent scientific research personnel is also established to consult with and advise the Chief of the Office of Naval Research.

The purpose of this bill is to legalize the research department of the Navy which now exists under Executive Order. The new Naval Research office will also cooperate with the Department of Research which was set up by the Congress recently.

H.R. 5911 passed the House on 20 May 1946, and passed the Senate on 17 July 1946. However, it will be necessary to refer the bill back to the House for approval of certain minor amendments added by the Senate.

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